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REMARKS

Dear Sirs:

This is a response to an Office Action dated April 12, 2007, and an Office Action dated July 12, 2007. In the Office Action of April 12, 2007, claims 1, 10-14 and 16-35 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory double-patenting over claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,890,937. Claims 1, 10-14, and 16-35 are rejected on the grounds of nonstatutory double-patenting over claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,541,489. Applicants have already filed terminal disclaimers in this patent application. However, these terminal disclaimers were filed before the formal Power of Attorney was filed. Accordingly, Applicants are again filing terminal disclaimers disclaiming the term of the present application which might extend beyond U.S. Patent 6,890,937 and U.S. Patent 6,541,489. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of and withdrawal of this ground of rejection in view of the terminal disclaimers filed herewith.

In response to the Office Action mailed July 12, 2007, Applicants withdraw the RCE which was improperly filed on July 6, 2007. Applicants file herewith a new RCE application. Applicants also enclose herewith a petition for an extension of time.